(e) Steps taken to accelerate the production of oil in the country

— Implementation of new projects/ schemes and additional development of existing fields.

— Implementation of EOR Schemes and extending some of EOR's Schemes from pilot scale to full scale field application.

— Implementation of specialised technologies such as ERD, side track, horizontal and drain hole drilling.

— Obtaining services of international experts wherever considered necessary

— 3-D seismic survey of the oil fields.

— Rectificatory measures such as aggressive workovers, use of specialised technologies like long/short drift side track, drain hole have been planned for revival of sick wells which still have potential.

— Encouraging the participation of private/loint venture in the oil sector.

— Enhancing exploration of hydro-carbons and increasing reserves through seismic surveys, deep water exploration, acquisition of acreages/reserves abroad and exploration in frontier areas.

ced of Oil Berth, Port and Wharf Facilities at Narsapur

641. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA AO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be eased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has conducted any udy of the need for an oil berth at irsapur in West Godavari district in ndhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that some irbour and wharf facilities at Narsapur uld be useful for ONGC;

(c) whether propoer facilities and port infrastructure would also be useful for the oil extraction and exploitation work; and

(d) if so, the details of ONGC'S future requirements for port and wharf facilities at Narsapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (b) and (c) above?

Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies under Reserve Quota In Uttar Pradesh

642. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 109 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1996 and state:

(a) the names and area-wise details of persons who have been allotted petrol pumps/LPG agencies in Uttar Pradesh by the Central Government, category-wise;

(b) what is the number of applications pending for allotment of petrol pumps/ gas agencies and by when all the applicants are likely to be allotted; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Information is given in the enclosed statement *(see below).*

(b) and (c) No separate record is maintained by Govemment for such applications. Moreover, no discretionary allotment of dealership/distributorship of petroleum products is being made by the Govemment at present.